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Tanner fire on Pleasant Valley Ranger District, Tonto National Forest Part of Hwy. 288 closed

Pleasant Valley, Ariz. (September 25, 2011 – 1800 hrs.) – Pleasant Valley Ranger District fire specialists are managing the lightning-caused Tanner wildfire, now about 4,300 acres, which began on August 20 near the peak of Armer Mountain in the Sierra Anchas.

Fire activity may be visible to visitors and residents in the Tonto Basin, Globe, and Young areas and also when looking south from SR 260.

“Today, we had air coverage which provided support for crews who focused on prep work in the Workman Creek area,” stated John Thornburg, Fire Management Officer. “The fire remains within our management area and continues to burn heavy pockets of fuel which prevents catastrophic wildfires in the future.”

Due to the increased size of the fire, a Type 3 team will assume management of the fire tomorrow and additional resources have been ordered.

Downdraft winds from a thunderstorm off Armer Mountain pushed the fire across Hwy. 288 yesterday evening around 7 pm and the fire burned through the dispersed camping area. No campers were present and no structures were lost.

Hwy. 288 is closed from Reynolds Creek south to the A-Cross Road.

For further information, call the Pleasant Valley Ranger District offices at 928-462-4300, or stay updated at www.fs.usda.gov/Tonto. To report a wildland fire, the fire emergency number is 866-746-6516, or dial 9-1-1.

For general information on fire activity and restrictions in Arizona call toll free 877-864-6985, or visit the. **Southwest Coordination Center website:** <http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/> or <http://www.publiclands.org/firenews/AZ.php>

Useful Websites:

National Incident Information System www.inciweb.org
Southwest Coordination Center: <http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/>
National Interagency Fire Center: www.nifc.gov
National Fire Plan: www.forestsandangelands.gov
FireWise: www.firewise.org

ARIZONA Websites:

www.azfireinfo.com (fire prevention and restrictions)
www.publiclands.org/firenews/AZ.php (fire restrictions and other public lands information)
www.azsf.az.gov (wildfire information and Firewise)
www.azein.gov (Arizona Emergency Information Network for ALL hazard emergency and disaster information)

Fire Restriction Information: Toll free 1 (877) 864-6985

To report a wildfire, call 1-866-746-6516 or dial 911.